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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: MB Docket No. 14-57

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce is some 600 businesses and organizations in the Augusta Micropolitan of 22 cities and towns which boast a workforce of 43,000 and annual taxable retail sales of more than \$940 million. Our mission in support of our members and the larger community is to "enhance life quality by strengthening our regional economy."

We have seen some significant recent successes in our Capital region's economy thanks to timely mergers and acquisitions of organizations which have remained planted in the area. For example, a combined medical center last year completed a \$320 million state-of-the-art hospital; our electric company now under Spanish ownership, is undergoing a \$440 million transmission upgrade just in this Kennebec region alone. Both examples mean better care, service and reliability of energy supply for our citizens.

On behalf of the Board and Members of the KV Chamber I urge you to promptly review the Comcast plan to acquire Time Warner Cable and approve the bid. Comcast has already proven a reliable and competitive media server in a nearby part of Maine (Bath-Brunswick-Freeport area).

Comcast has shown a strong commitment to invest in its properties in Maine; by combining Comcast's service area with Time Warner Cable's it will offer businesses in particular major new efficiencies and benefits. The ability to offer services state wide will benefit businesses with multiple locations throughout the state. Previously, businesses with locations in Kittery, Freeport and Lewiston could not rely on either Comcast or Time Warner to connect their businesses. This ability to provide a common platform offers obvious operational efficiencies but it also offers increased security and added redundancy which is increasingly important to all types of businesses.

Combination of the two companies with a common interconnected network will provide greater redundancy and improve dependability for our businesses in this area.

I urge you to support the Comcast-Time Warner Cable purchase.

Sincerely,


Peter G. Thompson
President & CEO

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